

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Final Office Action dated February 22, 2010.

Claims 27-50 are pending in the application.

Claims 27, 32, and 38 have been amended.

Claims 34 and 39 are cancelled.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 27, 30-31, and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,640,244 to Bowman-Amuah (Bowman). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that Bowman fails to disclose all elements of claim 27. Claim 27 is amended to include material indicated by the Examiner as allowable over Bowman. *See* Non-Final Office Action dated February 24, 2009. Specifically, claim 27 is amended to include material from claims 32, 34, 38, and 39, which were all indicated as being allowable over Bowman. Applicants respectfully submit that these elements are not disclosed by Bowman.

Applicants note that while an indication of the allowability of these claims is not included in the pending Office Action dated February 24, 2010, Applicants believe this to be merely a matter of oversight. The fact that the pending Office Action does not contain rejections of the indicated allowable claims supports this interpretation. For at least the foregoing reasons, as well as those listed in the Office Action dated February 22, 2009, Applicants respectfully request an indication of allowability of claim 27, as well as all claims that depend therefrom.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5092.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,

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